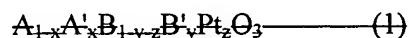


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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:**

1. (Currently amended) An exhaust gas purifying catalyst comprising a composite oxide having a perovskite structure selected from the group consisting of  
 $\text{La}_{0.90}\text{Sr}_{0.10}\text{Fe}_{0.54}\text{Mn}_{0.36}\text{Pt}_{0.10}\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{La}_{0.95}\text{Ag}_{0.05}\text{Al}_{0.80}\text{Mn}_{0.10}\text{Pt}_{0.08}\text{Ru}_{0.02}\text{O}_3$ , and  
 $\text{Nd}_{0.80}\text{Ba}_{0.10}\text{Mg}_{0.10}\text{Al}_{0.85}\text{Pt}_{0.10}\text{Rh}_{0.05}\text{O}_3$ , represented by the general formula (1):



wherein ~~A represents at least one element selected from only rare earth elements each having a valence of 3 as the only valence; A' represents at least one element selected from alkaline earth metals and Ag; B represents at least one element selected from Fe, Mn, and Al; B' represents at least one element selected from transition elements excluding Pt, Fe, Mn, Co and the rare earth elements; x is an atomic ratio satisfying the following relation:  $0 < x \leq 0.5$ ; y is an atomic ratio satisfying the following relation:  $0 \leq y < 0.5$ ; and z is an atomic ratio satisfying the following relation:  $0.08 \leq z \leq 0.5$ .~~

2-5. (Canceled).